

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

One Hundred Years Ago.

AN INDIAN MURDERER.

A letter from Bangor, Me., mentions the murder of Mr. Knight, inn-keeper in that town, by an Indian belonging to the Penobscot tribe. Two Indians had been loitering about the inn for a considerable time, and were rather noisy, but not too much intoxicated. Mr. Knight ordered the Indians to be gone and followed them towards the door, when one of them turned on him and struck at Mr. Knight who kicked the Indian, upon which a scuffle ensued outside the door. Mr. Knight was in the act of retreating inside the house, when one of the Indians buried his knife into Knight's body, and penetrated into the heart—Mr. Knight fell and immediately expired. The Indians are now in custody.

Mr. Knight was a young man of respectability; had been married but a short time and his wife was a witness to the horrid scene.

CONSTITUTION FOR INDIANA.

The convention for forming a Constitution and State Government for the territory of Indiana, elected in pursuance of a law of the late Congress, met in the town of Corydon, in Indiana, on the 10th ult. Jonathan Jennings was chosen president of the Convention. The Convention, after considerable debate, determined upon entering the Union as an independent State, by a vote of 80 to 8. They proceeded to form a Constitution. Their proceedings are said to be conducted with solemnity and decorum.

Fifty Years Ago.

"BIG SIX" MACHINE.

We saw, on Saturday, a splendid photographic picture of the "Big Six" Horse Cart and its trappings, as it appeared in the procession of Friday, taken by Ereckson. He will furnish copies to people desiring them, at the corner of Main and Bank streets.

AMERICANS vs. PEQUONNOCKS.

The match between the American and Pequot baseball teams for a ball takes place tomorrow afternoon on the "Americans" ground just north of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine factory. The game will commence at 3 o'clock, as was formerly announced. The date Mr. G. B. Hubbell, President of the Charter Oak club, of Hartford, who has kindly consented to act as umpire on this occasion. Those wishing to see the present local side will bear in mind that the horse cars run close to the grounds. We shall publish the score.

THAT HORSE RAILROAD.

We are pleased to see that work has been resumed on the horse railroad extending from the State street. We hope the company will now push it forward to its completion. Are we not to have a track laid to Seaside Park? We have been told for ever that one concession there is no more beautiful spot on Long Island Sound to spend an hour in recreation. By the way, is nothing to be done to our park? or have we lost all city pride? Let us comment and talk Seaside Park.

CONCORDIA SOCIETY.

The Concordia society gave a dramatic entertainment this evening at Bayview Hall. A melodramatic "Die Schelven" will be produced. It having been under rehearsal and preparation so long, that it is fair to presume the gentlemen will give it a good rendition. The principal role will be assumed by a prominent German actor from "Gotham."

"OLD EXCELSIOR" SOLD.

We learn that Mr. John G. Green, formerly of this city, purchased to-day for the village of Lime Rock, Conn., the hand engine formerly used by the "Excelsiors," paying therefor the sum of \$600. This engine has always been considered a first rate one in its class and with a little repair can be made as good as new. She had suffered but little usage up to the time the old company gave her up, having been well taken care of for a number of years by John Partridge of this city, whose pride it used to be to see her excel. She is of the "plano" make, made by Smith of New York and is about seventy years old. We congratulate our Lime Rock neighbors on the possession of one of the best hand engines in the State.

Twenty Years Ago.

BARNUM PRIZE SPEAKERS

The successful contestants who were announced yesterday and selected to speak in competition for the Barnum prizes are Misses O'Rourke, Donovan and Barnes, and Messrs Turner, Weeks and Woodruff. These are members of the senior class, that being the only one eligible to compete. The date has not yet been arranged but it will probably be about the middle of next month.

The contest grows in interest yearly. The winner of the first prize last year was Mr. Louis Christie. Lawyer J. W. Thompson, of this city, is the only other young man who holds the honor of winning first prize.

The committee which made the selection consisted of Charles W. McCord, Judge George P. Carroll and Mrs. T. C. Woodruff. The yearly interest on a sum of money left by the late P. T. Barnum is divided into a first prize of \$30 and a second of \$20.

A GENERAL NUISANCE.

Edward McCarthy, of 30 Jones avenue, makes complaint of the behavior of the gang of young men who make their headquarters and stamping ground on the Wheeler property between Grand street and Hubbell's quarry. He says the behavior of the gang is neither elevating nor instructive but a source of annoyance to the neighborhood. He would like to have the police break up the gang.

HIS RIGHT HAND MANGLED.

Reginald Saunders, a young man employed at the Plush shop, met with an accident this morning which resulted in the loss of the greater portion of the right hand. He was working on a lathe and was watching the revolving of an immense piece of metal.

SWEDISH NOBLE ADMITS SLAYING BANK OFFICIALS

Whole Country Stirred by Story of Unusually Brutal Killing.

WOMAN RECOGNIZES HIM AS MURDERER

Member of Old and Knighted Family Confesses Shocking Crime.

Stockholm, Sweden, May 16.—Leonard, a young man, a member of one of the oldest families in Sweden—a family knighted in the seventeenth century and registered in the "Riddarhus," or Swedish House of Nobles—has confessed to the double murder which recently occurred in one of the branch banks of Stockholm, and which stirred all Sweden because of the brutality and mystery of the crime. The manager of the bank was found with a hatchet in his skull and a woman clerk was shot dead.

The chance capture of Gyllenpalm and his own cold-blooded story of the crime have made thrilling reading for the Swedish people. His Nemesis worked in the person of a young Swedish woman with a good memory for faces. She had seen the nobleman emerge from the bank, and though she did not know his name, she noticed there was something strange about his manner. When she herself had entered the bank she found the bodies of the manager and the woman clerk, and then realized that the man she had seen hurrying from the place must have been the murderer. She described the man to the police as best she could, but the detectives made absolutely no headway until, more than a fortnight after, the same young lady passed the murderer on the street. She thought she recognized him but was not sure. With a girl companion she followed the man several blocks until they fell in with a policeman to whom the girl told her suspicions, and the officer decided to arrest him.

The nobleman at first denied all knowledge of the crime, but after he had been held for two days and an analysis of some spots on his clothes and shoes established that they were stains of human blood and when confronted with this evidence, Gyllenpalm confessed. He said he was in desperate need of money and had planned the crime weeks ahead. He only intended, however, to kill the branch manager, thinking "no one else would be at the bank at the time. He carried the hatchet in a leather portfolio, or lawyer's brief case. He was surprised to see the woman clerk and followed his first impulse to shoot. Having committed the double murder, he became alarmed and fled without securing any money whatever.

Direct from the scene he went to a restaurant a few blocks away and joined a party of friends at a mid-day breakfast, eating a hearty meal and drinking several glasses of beer. Afternoon the newspapers were full of the accounts of the mysterious murder. Gyllenpalm, however, moved about among his friends without the slightest evidence that he was more than ordinarily stirred by the news. He had dinner down town with a friend and when the meal was finished he suggested a walk around to the bank to see where such an atrocious murder had been committed. There was a crowd of the morbidly curious about the door, which was guarded by a policeman. Gyllenpalm, in his confession, told how while he was standing there in the crowd about the bank some one remarked:

"It is a curious thing, but a murderer always returns to the scene of his crime." Gyllenpalm said that upon hearing this he gave way at the knees and almost sank to the sidewalk, but his friends had thought he merely slipped. When he had recovered his equilibrium Gyllenpalm asked the policeman if he thought the murderer be caught.

"Yes," replied the officer, "if he is fool enough to try to leave the city. We have everything watched. If he stays in town though, it will be more difficult." "I decided to stop in town," said Gyllenpalm in his confession. Always fond of cafe and restaurant life, the murderer did not alter his course of living in any way. But suddenly he began to worry, for after a week had elapsed he failed to hear from his father for funds to carry him to that country. This money which might have enabled him to escape to complete safety for the rest of his days arrived in Stockholm the morning after his arrest.

By reason of his nobility of birth, Gyllenpalm can choose that he be put to death with the sword instead of the more plebeian blade of the guillotine. Such is his inalienable prerogative. Net profits of the Hansa Steamship Co., the third largest in Germany, amounted to \$3,000 in 1915, compared with \$2,200,000 for 1914.

ALMANAC FOR TODAY

Sun rises 4:33 a. m.
Sun sets 7:05 p. m.
High water 9:42 a. m.
Moon rises 6:40 p. m.
Low water 3:52 p. m.

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CREATE NEW JOB AT CITY HALL AT \$2,200 SALARY

It Will Supplant Clerkship of Appraisal Board, Paying \$800 Salary

Another fat job for some Republican henchman was created by the common council last night in the office of the examiner of liens. The salary of the examiner of liens is to be \$2,200, but as the ordinance reads, it is the intention to have him perform the duties of the clerk of the board of appraisal of benefits and damages as well.

In the past it has been the custom to appoint some lawyer clerk of the board of appraisal and he only gave part time to the work, receiving a salary of \$800 per year. Attorney Abe S. Geduldig is the present clerk of the board. His term expires on June 1st, this year, and the ordinance provides that the new official shall begin work then. The incumbent of the new position need not be a lawyer, but he must give all his time to the duties of his office and cannot engage in any other work.

It will be the province of this official to make semi-monthly reports to the city attorney regarding liens laid against property so the city attorney can follow them up and collect them promptly. No one has been picked for this nice job yet but there are several candidates.

Mayor Wilson again trotted out his pet scheme of public markets. The plan failed when tried before. This time he proposes to establish the market at southeast corner of Wall and Water streets. The council on motion of Alderman MacFayden, approved the plan.

The report of the East Washington avenue and Grand street bridge commissions awarding the contracts for the bridges to Edward Devos Company, \$12,377, and by similar process to reduce the cost of Grand street bridge, \$20,597.

A public hearing was ordered for the meeting of June 5 for the proposed extension of Broad street, northerly from Elm street to Washington avenue. Also on the position of the A. W. Burritt Co. to close Hicks street from the Pequonnock river to Knowlton street.

WAR IS CERTAIN, IS DECLARATION OF ELIHU ROOT

Tells Red Cross Members Land Must Prepare for Conflict Sure to Come.

Elihu Root warned the country recently of "the war that is certain to come." He spoke at a meeting of the New York County Chapter of the American Red Cross in the home of Mrs. Whitelaw Reid.

"If you to your duty toward the Red Cross," said Mr. Root to the 300 women present, "you not only will help yourselves by doing something, but you will be doing as great a service to your country in the war that is certain to come as the men who should the rifles."

After showing how the Red Cross has grown to be the greatest channel through which the American people can put their charitable inclinations into action, Mr. Root continued:

"We have had rather a rude awakening during the last two years. No one who has studied the condition of the world to-day can fail to see that the people of the United States must turn about and change their relations toward the government. Few indeed to-day to say, 'What can I do for my country?'"

"This Republic cannot continue to live unless its people are willing to give service—not merely willingness for the country that has given you comfort and safety. It is awakening you from the lethargy of ease and peace into doing something. This work is something which will make your country's force effective when it is called on to protect your liberty."

"Several possible results of the war make it highly probable that this country would have to take the choice of a very few years of defending its liberty or becoming subservient. With a good medical force you double the force of an army. A mere aggregation of surgeons cannot do that. It is a matter of administration. This cannot be attained without careful training."

Dr. George T. Stewart, head of the Bellevue Hospital Red Cross Unit, said

the Red Cross would be called on to make the Army Medical Corps an efficient body in case of emergency. He declared the corps consisted of five officers to each 1,000 men in the army, while the ratio should be at least ten to a thousand.

Seward Prosser, chairman of the Citizens' Committee of the New York County Chapter, said the meeting was the opening gun of a campaign to enroll 100,000 Red Cross members. Robert W. de Forest, chairman of the chapter, announced that more than 2,000,000 had been raised by the Red Cross since the war began. Of this \$711,000 passed through the New York County Committee's treasurer. He announced this women's committee for the membership campaign:

Mrs. Richard Aldrich, Mrs. Belmont Tiffany, Mrs. Leonard Wood, Miss Anne Morgan, Miss Ruth Morgan, Miss Katherine Burnett, Miss Luita A. Leand, Miss Belle Guinee, Miss Marion Pauling Murdock, Miss Ruth Draper, Mrs. Paul Dana, Miss Mary Parsons, Miss Anna C. Maxwell, Mrs. A. M. Coates and Mrs. Sidney Borg.

ADMITS SHORTAGE OF MACHINE GUNS

War Department Can Supply, No More for Training Purposes.

(Special to The Farmer.) Washington, D.C., May 16.—A shortage of machine guns so acute that no more can be supplied the militia for training purposes is admitted by the War Department. All available guns have been forwarded to the border and it is a grave question whether the supply anywhere near adequate.

Moreover, no appropriation for additional machine guns was included in the \$8,000,000 extraordinary budget submitted by the War Department two months ago for the first Mexican expedition and are not to be promptly passed by Congress. This was due chiefly to the ordinance bureau, which having approved a particular type of machine gun, the new "Vickers" wished to buy no other. The result is that the long standing order for the new guns is not filled and will not be before the end of December.

National Guard organizations from all over the country have made application for machine gun equipment so that their regiments may be ready for service. Some of these organizations declare that if they cannot get the regular equipment, they wish enough for practice work so that the men will at least be able to use the equipment when it is available. In answer to these requests, the division of military affairs has been obliged to admit that there is not a gun to be had, nor are any expected from the makers until the last of the year, when 125 are to be completed and sent to the department. These 125 guns are included in the 1,072 machine guns of which the army boasts.

The regulations furnish each regiment with four guns. The practice is to furnish one reserve gun also for each regiment, so that the 30 infantry and 15 cavalry regiments of the regular army have 225 machine guns. There are also 120 machine guns which have been supplied to the militia in various sections of the country. This leaves 602 machine guns in the military establishment. A large number of these are in Panama and a certain reserve is in the insular possessions of the United States. The balance of the reserve, which formerly was kept at San Antonio and other arsenals is now reported in use on the border, and the fact that the little detachment of troops at Glenn Springs had no machine gun for defense against the raiders last week, is an indication that more machine guns would be used under present conditions.

The situation is a little bit worse because of the fact that of the five regiments of infantry added to the border patrol through the requisition on the forces of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, there is only one with machine gun equipment. That means that simply to bring the additional forces up to the regulations standard the ordinance department must in some manner obtain machine guns for the additional regiments.

Army officers seem unwilling to accept the present standard of equipment as sufficient. Trench warfare such as is carried on in France and Flanders is utilizing two machine guns for every 100 yards, and there is a feeling that the American regulations will have to be increased.

Vickers guns are already being turned out in this country for foreign consumption under American patents held by the Colt Arms Company. This company has assured the ordinance division that it is ready to begin supplying guns at any time and that it has taken the foreign orders only with the understanding that it will furnish its output first to the United States government if the War Department wishes to buy.

Shipments of fresh and cured meats from Chicago last week totaled 45,811,000 pounds.

James Whitelaw, American vice-consul at Dunfermline, resigned to enter the British army.

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